BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY BOARD OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

NO. D-2930

PERRY M. SETON, M.D. Certificate No. G-1289,

Respondent.

DECISION

The attached Stipulation is hereby adopted by the Division of Medical Quality of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on <u>December 23, 1983</u>.

IT IS SO ORDERED <u>November 23, 1983</u>.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY BOARD OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

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10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation) NO. D-2930 Against:
14	PERRY M. SETON, M. D.) STIPULATION AND DECISION
15	· 16562 Grimaud Lane) OF THE BOARD
16	Huntington Beach, California) 92649)
17	Certificate No. G-001289
18	Respondent.)
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20	In the interests of a prompt and speedy settlement
21	of this matter, consistent with the public interest and the
22	responsibilities of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance
23	(Board), the parties submit this Stipulation to the Division of
24	Medical Quality of the Board for its approval and adoption as
25	the final disposition of the accusation.

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The parties stipulate the following is true:

1. An accusation has been served on respondent

Perry M. Seton, M. D.

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Respondent has fully discussed with his counsel Jones and Wilson, by Sherwin V. Wittman, II, Esq., the charges and allegations of violations of the Business and Professions Code alleged in the accusation and has been fully advised of his right to a formal hearing and an opportunity to defend against the charges, reconsideration, and appeal from any adverse decision which might be rendered following the hearing.

- Respondent knowingly and intelligently waives all to a hearing, reconsideration and appeal, and any and all other rights which may be accorded him pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code section 11500 et seq.
 - Respondent admits the following:
- At all times mentioned Robert Rowland was the Executive Director of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance and he made the accusation in his official capacity.
- At all times mentioned herein respondent Perry M. Seton, M. D., was licensed by the Board under physician's and suregon's certificate No. G-001289. The license is curently inactive.
- Quaalude, Tuinal, Valium, Doriden and Empirin with Codeine #4, are dangerous drugs under section 4211 of the Business and Professions Code and controlled substances under Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.
- Respondent's certificate is subject to disciplinary action because respondent committed unprofessional conduct as

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defined in section 2234(d) of the Business and Professions Code in that respondent was incompetent in connection with his treatment of Richard Hamman as follows:

Between on or about October 27, 1977, and September 4, 1980, on numerous occasions, respondent prescribed Quaalude, Tuinal, Valium, Doriden, and/or Empirin with Codeine #4, to Richard Harman a drug and alcohol abuser. During this time, respondent failed to refer Harman for alternative pain therapies.

The foregoing admissions are made for this stipulation only, and may not be used in any other proceeding or for any other purpose.

WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES STIPULATE THE BOARD MAY ENTER
THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

The Physician's and Surgeon's certificate issued to respondent, Perry M. Seton, M. D., is revoked; however, the revocation shall be stayed and respondent placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

CONDITIONS

1. Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall take and must pass an oral/clinical examination in medical therapeutics to be administered by the Division or its designee. If respondent fails this examination, respondent must wait three months between reexaminations, except that after three failures respondent must wait one year to take each necessary reexamination thereafter. The Division shall pay the cost of the first examination and

respondent shall pay the cost of any subsequent examinations.

Respondent shall not practice medicine until respondent has passed this examination, and has been so notified by the Division in writing.

If respondent fails to take and pass this examination within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, the stay of revocation of respondent's certificate shall automatically dissolve and respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until this examination has been successfully passed and respondent has been notified by the Division in writing.

- 2. Respondent shall not prescribe, administer, or furnish any Schedule II controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11055 except that respondent may prescribe or administer such substances to patients who are in-patients in licensed California hospitals.
- 3. During the first two (2) years of probation, respondent shall successfully take and complete (40) hours of approved continuing medical education in medical therapeutics over and above the 25 hours of continuing medical education annually required of every physician.
- 4. Respondent must obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in California.
- 5. Respondent must submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, within thirty (30) days of the end of each quarter, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of

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probation.

- Respondent must comply with the Division's surveillance program. probation
- Respondent must appear in person for interviews 7. with the Division's medical consultant upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.
- 8. In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State, respondent must notify the Division of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period.
- If respondent violates probation in any respect, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, the Division may move to set aside the stay order and impose the revocation of the respondent's certificate.
- Upon successful completion of probation, 10. respondent's certificate will be fully restored.

DATED:

19-4, 1983

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Attorneys for Respondent

Τ	I have read the above document and fully discussed it
2	with my counsel. I fully understand accept and consent to all
3	of the provisions of the above stipulation.
4	DATED: Wh 20 1983 Perry M. Seton, hus
5	DATED: July 20,1983 PERRY M. SETON, M. D. Respondent
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8	The attached Stipulation is hereby adopted by the
9	Division of Medical Quality, Board of Medical Quality Assurance
10	of the State of California as its Decision in the above-entitled
11	matter and shall become effective on the day of
12	, 1983.
13	IT IS SO ORDERED this day of,
14	1983.
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16	DATED: DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY
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- 4. Code section 2234(d) provides that unprofessional conduct includes incompetence.
- 5. The license of respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to code section 2234(d) because respondent was incompetent in connection with his treatment of Richard Hawkins as follows:

Between on or about October 27, 1977, and September 4, 1980, on numerous occasions, respondent prescribed Quaalude, Tuinal, Talwin, Valium, Doriden, and/or Empirin with Codeine #4, to Richard Harman a drug and alcohol abuser. During this time, respondent failed to refer for alternative pain therapies.

WHEREFORE, complainant requests that the Board hold a hearing on the matters alleged herein and following hearing take disciplinary action as is provided in code section 2227, and take such other and further action as may be proper.

Dated: August 12, 1982

Robert Rowland

Executive Director

Board of Medical Quality Assurance

State of California

Complainant